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TWO GARVEYITES THROWN OUT AT A. B. B. MEETING.

New York, Jan. 6.—Free speech was amply vindicated and the super-government of the Garvey crowd given a severe setback when on Thursday evening, Dec. 22, the African Blood Brotherhood held the fifth of its national series of mass meetings at Palace Casino in the face of the elation of the Garvey followers over the success of their rowdy tactics in breaking up the A. B. B. meeting on Dec. 18 at the Rush Memorial church and their rumored flat against all A. B. B. meetings in the future in this city. An attempt to stage a repetition of the rowdyism of the 18th was painfully killed in the bud by the quiet action by the police of two of the Garvey adherents. One of these dared "any nigger" to put hands on him, but went quietly as a lamb with a white officer.

This, the fifth of the A. B. B. series and the second in this city, was not as well attended as the first when a huge crowd packed the large auditorium of Rush Memorial Church and overflowed onto the sidewalk. The disorder of that meeting naturally militated against a large attendance for other meetings unless the A. B. B. was able to demonstrate its ability to hold orderly meetings in spite of the rowdies of a rival organization. This, according to Mr. Ben E. Burrell, principal speaker of the evening and Departmental Chief of Equity and Justice in the Supreme Executive Council of the organization, was the principal purpose of the Palace Casino meeting.

Mr. Burrell, commenting upon the disorder at the last A. B. B. meeting, bitterly condemned those who, in their premeditated way, would go to the extent of breaking up the meeting of another Negro organization without waiting to hear what the speakers had to say and would denigrate his hearers not to be pro-sombody but of the A. B. B. Mr. Burrell stressed the A. B. B.'s purpose as being "to free Africa without repatriation," and said that his organization was carrying on a fight for the liberation of Africa without ignoring the necessity for

protection and progress in the United States, and with no thought of compensating or surrendering a single one of the gains won by the Negro in a half-century of struggle in America. This was where the A. B. B. differed from the Garvey organization, he said, alleging that Garvey was so interested in shouting about a free Africa that he had not troubled himself with devising a program for the American Negro. "The A. B. B. has a program for every section of the great Negro race and an eye on every battle front," he declared to the visible approval of the audience who punctuated this and other remarks by hearty applause and cheers.

Mr. Edgar M. Garvey, another speaker of the evening, told the audience that he was not a member of the A. B. B. but assumed that he was a member of the U. N. I. A. as the constitution of that organization, he declared, held that all Negroes were members. To this highly arbitrary ruling he strongly objected and derided as patently ridiculous the Garvey claim of leadership of "400,000,000 Negroes." Mr. Garvey sent the house into an uproar by the manner in which he answered a question asked by one of the group of Garveyites who, by their presence at the A. B. B. meeting rather than at Liberty Hall where Garvey was holding forth in a last desperate attempt against all conquering Truth, may be taken to mean either preference for the speakers of the A. B. B. or a peculiar interest in A. B. B. activities.

AFRICA SHOULD HAVE PLACE IN WORLD FACT, SAYS WELLS.

By H. G. Wells, in Chicago Tribune.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—In a previous paper I wrote of certain "stuffed voices" at Washington. There is yet another stuffed voice here that I have heard and to speak of it opens up another great group of questions that stand on the way to any effective organization of world peace through an association of nations. Until we get some provisional decision about this set of issues, the association of nations remains a project in the air.

This stuffed voice of which I am now writing is the voice of the Colored people. As a novelist—a novelist in my spare time—and as a man very curious by nature about human reactions, the peculiar situations created by "color" in America have always appealed to me. I do not understand why American fiction does not treat of them more frequently.

The Negro Question.

It is the educated, highly intelligent Colored people who get my interest and sympathy. I cannot get up any race feeling about them. I am particularly proud to have known Booker T. Washington and to know Mr. Dubois and this time in spite of a great pressure of engagements, I was able to spend two hours last Sunday listening to the proceedings of the Washington correspondence club, an organization which battles by letter and interview and appeal against the harsh exclusion from schools, libraries and the like, that prevail here.

I will not discuss here the rights and wrongs of a bar that cuts off from most of the intellectual necessities and conveniences of life many people who would pass as refined and cultivated whites in an European country. I mention this gathering merely to note a very interesting topic upon which I was called to account thereof.

Once or twice in these papers I do not know if the reader has noted it—I have mentioned the French training of Senegalese troops and the objection felt by other European peoples to their extensive employment in Europe. I was asked at the correspondence club whether the objections I had made to this were not "fostering race prejudice" and some interesting exchanges followed.

I was inclined to argue that the importation of African Negroes into Europe for military purposes was as objectionable as their importation into America for economic services, but some of my hosts, some of the younger men, did not see it in that light. They were warm toward the French by the notable absence of racial exclusiveness in France and they see the ideals of that epoch-making book, "La France Negro," from an entirely different angle. Why not a Black France as big or bigger than White France and a new people who have learnt military discipline, military service and united action from Europe?

A Black Napoleon.

"Why not a black Napoleon, presently?" said the young man, a little wanting, I thought in that subject meekness which is the American ideal of Colored behavior.

He was imagining, I suppose, something happening in Africa rather after the fashion of the emancipation of Haiti and of great African armies pushing their former rulers back to the sea. But Colonel Taylor has recently suggested another possibility, namely that of France finding herself in the grip of a black Prussian guard. It is just conceivable fancy—a Prussian guard, French speaking and ultra patriotic, keeping French socialists and pacifists and bolsheviks in their proper place.

I do not believe very much in either of these possibilities, nor even in the third possibility of European powers, fighting each other with black armies of Africa but I do believe in the dreams of a world peace will remain very unsubstantial dreams indeed until we can work out a scheme, or at least general principles of action, for the treatment of Africa between the Sahara and the Zambesi river, a scheme that will give some sort of a quietus to the jealousies and hostilities evoked by the economic and political exploitations of annexed and mandatory territories upon national and competitive lines in this region of the earth. For it seems to be the fact that tropical and sub-tropical Africa has another function in the world than to be the home of the great family of Negro peoples. Africa is economically necessary to European civilization as the chief source of vegetable oil and fats and various other products of no great value to the native population. European civilization can scarcely get along without these material resources of Africa.

African Barbarism.

Now here we are up against a problem entirely different from the problem that arises in the case of India, Indo China and China, which is the problem of a politically powerless but essentially civilized population which can be trusted to modernize itself and come into line with the existing efficient powers. If only it is protected from oppressive and disintegrating forces while it adjusts itself, Africa is quite incapable of anything of the sort. Negro Africa is mainly still in the state of tribal barbarism; in the latter half of the nineteenth century its people were in a condition of deepening disorder and misery due to

the spread of European diseases and to the rating of the Arab and native adventurers who had obtained possession of modern fire arms.

The small village communities of tropical Africa were quite unable to stand up against the brigand enterprises of mere bands of ruffians armed with rifles. The scramble for Africa on the part of the European great powers towards the close of the nineteenth century, a scramble largely dictated by economic appetites, did a little to mitigate the miseries and destructions in progress by establishing a sort of order through large areas of Africa, a sort of order that in some regions was scarcely less cruel than the disorders it replaced. But it continuing access to the resources of Africa is to be maintained and if a return to the Arab rider and general chaos and massacre is to be avoided it is clear that in some form the control of the central parts of Africa by the modern civilized world must continue.

But we must be clear upon one point. If that control is to be maintained as at present it is maintained, by various European powers acting independently of one another and competing against one another, in the not very remote future Central Africa was one of the great prizes before the German imagination in 1914 and it is now held in a state of unstable equilibrium by the chief European victors in the Great War. As they recuperate, the African danger will increase. Africa, next after eastern Europe and the Near East in likely to become in the course of a dozen years or so the chief danger region of the world.

Universal Peace Link.

It behooves all those who are dreaming of an organized world peace through an association of nations to keep this African rock ahead in mind and to think out the possible method of linking this great region with the rest of the world in a universal peace scheme.

I submit that it is not premature for those who are concerned with the future of our race to consider the necessity of three chief things: (1). The complete abandonment and prohibition now of enlistment and military use of the African native population.

(2). The application of the principle of the Open Door and equal trading opportunities for all comers in the regions between the Sahara and the Zambesi.

(3). A more organized care of the native African population by a tightening up of the existing restrictions upon the arms and drink trade and the development of some sort of elementary education throughout Africa that will give these very various and largely still untamed peoples a chance of showing what latent abilities they have for self government and participation in the general human common weal.

For my own part, it seems to me that any real "league of nations," any effective "association of nations," must necessarily supersede the existing "empire" and imperial systems and take over their alien "possessions" and that one commission, embodying the collective will of all the efficient civilized nations of the world is the only practicable method of security for all those parts of Africa incapable or not yet capable of self government.

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